

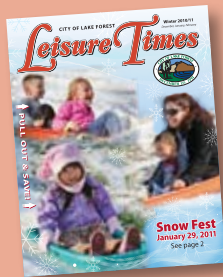
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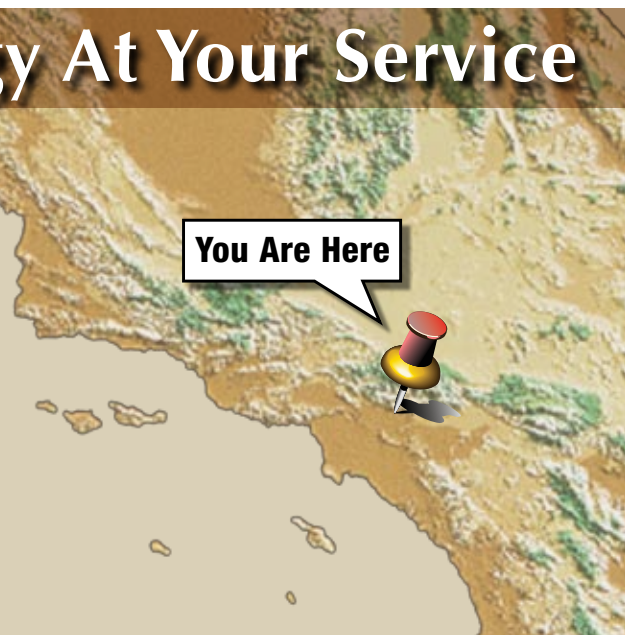
Wondering what's happening with the Trabuco Road Streetscape project? Well, here's the scoop. Initially, the City made efforts to partially fund the project through the use of grants. However, due to schedule delays associated with obtaining grant funding and the City's immediate need to improve the pavement condition of Trabuco Road before the upcoming rainy season, the City decided to proceed with the work using existing funds.

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Technology At Your Service

What is GIS? The literal answer is GIS = Geographic + Information + Systems – but more than that, GIS brings together computer systems with data (information) and geographic capabilities to help answer real questions about our world. To help us play. To help us plan. To help us communicate. To help us manage land. To help us manage natural disasters. To help us increase public safety. These are only a few of the many ways GIS can be used in real life. Here at City Hall, we're harnessing GIS to put important information on maps for your every day use.

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I Love My Lake Forest Park... Page 6

By Emilio Carmonascheker

CITY MANAGER'S

Message

*Remember the past,
challenge the future*

If you're like me, it's hard to believe that another calendar year is drawing to a close. The end of the year is often a time of reflection – and a time to look forward to new opportunities and challenges.

City staff has worked hard in 2010 to continue offering value-rich services to residents and community members. To provide more and improved facilities for fun and leisure, a number of parks – Heroes, El Toro, Concourse, and Mountain View – were renovated in 2010 along with significant progress being made on the sports park project. To improve your drive around town, a number of road improvement projects were completed, with the most anticipated project being the kickoff of the Alton Parkway Gap Closure. To improve safety and maintain our low crime rates, Police Services developed a number of workshops and crime prevention campaigns. To support our local businesses and attract new businesses, the City partnered with the new Lake Forest Chamber of Commerce and unveiled the updated Economic Development website. To facilitate communication with City Hall, 2010 saw the launch of *Ask Lake Forest*, an improved customer relationship management system. Although these are just a few of the highlights of 2010, they reflect our commitment to maintaining the high quality of life residents and community members have come to expect.

As 2011 approaches, so too does the City's 20th anniversary on December 20, 2011. We here at City Hall want to work with you – the residents and community members who make this city what it is – to collaboratively develop a schedule of events to commemorate this momentous occasion. Our goal is to have several celebrations bringing the community together throughout the year. If you have a great idea that honors our past, celebrates the present, or paves the way for a bright future, we'd love to hear from you. You can send your ideas in by mail, by phone (461-3421), or by email to LakeForestTurns20@lakeforestca.gov. All of us here at the City of Lake Forest wish you a happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Dunek

Robert C. Dunek,
City Manager

The City of Lake Forest and SCORE Expand Business Counseling Services

The City of Lake Forest and SCORE, a resource partner with the Small Business Administration, are pleased to announce the expansion of free business counseling services in Lake Forest.

In response to overwhelming demand, free business counseling sessions will now be offered on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Thursday of each month, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., at Lake Forest City Hall, located at 25550 Commercentre Dr.

SCORE counselors have helped thousands of business entrepreneurs over the years with counseling in the following:

- Starting a new business
- Market research
- Writing a business plan
- Obtaining financing
- Hiring and training staff
- Facility leasing
- Marketing and sales strategies
- Managing cash flow



For more information on SCORE or to schedule a free business counseling session, contact SCORE at 714-550-7369 or visit them online at www.score114.org.

Upcoming City Council Meeting Dates

City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of every month starting at 7:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, November 2
- Tuesday, November 16
- Tuesday, December 7
- Tuesday, December 21

Capital Improvement Projects Update:

Trabuco Road Streetscape

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The pavement repair work, which is now underway, was funded as part of the budget of the County road maintenance contract. The funding for the rest of the project will come from the City's CIP fund.

The scope of the Trabuco Road Streetscape project involves the design and construction of streetscape improvements along Trabuco Road from Bake Parkway to Lake Forest Drive to enhance traffic

calming along this route. The project includes constructing raised landscaped medians, storm drain modifications, street widening, parkway landscape improvements, pavement rehabilitation, traffic signal improvements, and the addition of a sidewalk and bike lane on the cemetery side. Now that we're back on track, project completion is estimated for Fall 2011. For more information, contact Public Works at 461-3480.



TECHNOLOGY AT YOUR SERVICE

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Currently on the City website (www.lakeforestca.gov/maps), you can find the following maps:

- City Map
- Water District Map
- Planned Communities Map
- Redevelopment Project Area Map
- Zoning Map
- Land Use Map
- Homeowners and Business Associations
- Parks Map (interactive)

The Parks map is the newest addition, and was developed based upon resident requests. The interactive map allows for information to be layered, so you can find the perfect park for your desired activities. For example, you can find all the parks in Lake Forest that offer a playground, a shelter, a barbecue, and picnic tables for your next family picnic. The map identifies all the parks within the City, and then allows you to zoom in on a specific park to get more detailed information such as location of hiking trails.



As part of our Technology at Your Service initiative, in 2011 the GIS team will be unveiling two more interactive maps – an updated zoning map and a Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) map. These maps will allow residents to drill down and access as much or as little information as they are interested in for a particular zoning area or upcoming project. So visit us online and put GIS to work for you!

Human Signs in Lake Forest

Human signs are attention-getting – they're meant to be – but that also means they are potential distractions and safety hazards to drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians. Human signs are prohibited in Lake Forest as specified in Section 9.164.080 of the Lake Forest Municipal Code first and foremost as a measure to increase safety on the roads.

In addition, the City works hard to promote and maintain a desirable, attractive commercial community. Without enforcement of the Sign Code, there would likely be a proliferation of human signs throughout the city. Lake Forest's signage restrictions are almost identical to those of neighboring cities including Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Mission Viejo, and Rancho Santa Margarita. Several other Orange County cities have similar signage restrictions in place as well.

The City focuses on education and voluntary compliance to remedy human sign violations. Code enforcement officers issue a courtesy notice to business owners violating the code, rather than a formal citation. If needed, subsequent violations are referred to the City Attorney. In the past six months, fifteen businesses have voluntarily complied with the human sign regulation after receiving courtesy notices.

The City recognizes the need for businesses to promote themselves to the surrounding community and allows a wide variety of permanent signage options, as well as temporary promotional signage. All businesses in the city can display temporary promotional banners and hold temporary outdoor promotions so long as they meet certain requirements. All together, businesses have the opportunity to display signage - above and beyond their permanent signage – for up to 100 days each year.

The Council's vision for our retail centers is to promote a healthy, viable commercial community through business-friendly policies, such as not requiring a business license tax. In addition, the City works closely with the Lake Forest Chamber of Commerce, and offers several programs and opportunities to local businesses. Resources, including Shop and Dine Lake Forest, business seminars and events, and personalized business counseling can be found at <http://www.lakeforestbusiness.com>. These opportunities are all free-of-charge and are designed to help local businesses succeed in their endeavors.



Holiday Hoopla

Calling all kids 8-12 years old! Kick off the beginning of winter break at our holiday party! Monday, December 20-Wednesday, December 22 (8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.)

Our Holiday Hoopla is better than ever, so let's get the party started! Boys and girls are invited to the Lake Forest Community Center for an awesome half-week of camp and excursions. The fun will be taking place all day Monday, December 20 through Wednesday, December 22, from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Camp is open to kids 8-12 years old. Kids will need to bring their own lunch and snacks. Activities will include cool wintertime games and everyone will build and decorate their very own gingerbread house! Excursions include a trip to "Pump It Up" in Lake Forest and a trip to see "Disney on Ice - Let's Celebrate!" at the Honda Center in Anaheim. The camp will have an 8:1 camper to counselor ratio and all campers should be ready to have a holiday blast!

Fee: \$77.00 per child • Location: Lake Forest Community Center (25550 Commercentre Dr)

**Camp is expected to fill up quickly, so register early!
To Register: On-line, Mail-in, Walk-in. For more info
call: The City of Lake Forest at 461-3450**



Holiday Safety Tips

Lake Forest Police Services would like residents to have a safe and happy holiday season. Please take a minute to read and apply the following holiday crime prevention tips:



HOME

- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave the house, even for a few minutes.
- Leave a radio or television on so the house looks and sounds occupied.
- Large displays of holiday gifts should not be visible through the windows and doors of your home.
- When leaving home for an extended period of time, have a neighbor or family member watch your house and pick up your newspapers and mail.

SHOPPING

- Be aware of your surroundings. Minimize shopping after dark or when alone. Take a family member or friend with you.
- Park in a well-lit area.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay for purchases with a check or credit card when possible.
- If you must use an ATM, choose one located inside a mall, grocery store or other well-lit area.
- Shield the ATM keypad from anyone standing near you. Do not throw your ATM receipt away at the ATM location.
- Be extra careful if you carry a wallet or purse. They are prime targets for criminals in crowded places.

For more information on crime prevention, please contact Melisa Cavazos at 461-3546.

Urban Runoff – How You Can Help

Did you know the City's storm drains and sewers are two completely different systems?

Water that goes down a sink or toilet in your home or business flows to the sewer system and eventually to a wastewater treatment plant where it is treated and filtered. The storm drain system rapidly moves rainwater out of the city to prevent flooding. Rainwater from streets, sidewalks, and gutters is collected by the storm drain system and carried to underground storm drain pipes, which then flow directly into our local creeks and eventually discharge into the ocean.

Urban Runoff

Urban runoff consists of rainwater and other sources such as irrigation sprinklers that are allowed to run too long. Urban runoff can be a problem because pollutants can mix with the water as it travels over driveways, sidewalks, streets, gutters, and into our storm drains. Some of the most common pollutants consist of everyday household items generated from normal urban activities including: litter, oil, dirt, food, pet wastes, debris, paint, and cleaning products. These pollutants can have harmful effects on drinking water supplies, recreational use, and wildlife. Some very popular beaches have even been closed because of contaminated storm water.

So what can I do to prevent storm water pollution?

As residents of Lake Forest, we simply need to work together and change a few habits to benefit our health, our families and our community. Here are some easy tips to follow:

- Don't over water your lawn
- Don't apply pesticides or fertilizers before or during rain
- Clean up after your pets – pet waste contains nutrients and pathogens that can contaminate surface water
- Spread mulch on bare ground to help prevent erosion and runoff
- Recycle used oil and antifreeze by taking them to designated recycling centers in Lake Forest
- Take unwanted household toxic products to a hazardous waste disposal facility
- Use a broom rather than a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks
- Don't litter! Throw trash in a trash can before leaving an area
- Help spread the word to your friends and neighbors



Remember, the Ocean Begins At Your Front Door.

24-Hour Water Pollution Hotline
(877) 89-SPILL

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 461-3480.

I Love My Lake Forest Park – Borrego Park



By Emilio Carmonascheker, 8th Grader

In Lake Forest there is a park.
A park that brings a wonderful SPARK!!!
Where dogs like to bark
With chirps in the air from a beautiful lark.

The kids like to play
For hours a day.
You don't have to pay
To have a wonderful time in the month of May.

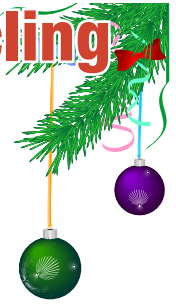
You can play on the swings
And do wonderful things.
You can jump, you can yell,
The flowers have a wonderful smell.

Borrego, Borrego, the wonderful park.
The park o' the park with a wonderful SPARK!!!

**Parks
Make
Life
Better!**

Thanks for sharing Emilio, and we hope you enjoy your goodie basket! If you'd like to share why you love your Lake Forest park, submit an article of 250 words or less and it could be featured in an upcoming issue for all to see. Selected authors will receive a goodie basket filled with all sorts of park-worthy treats! Entries can be dropped off at City Hall or emailed to ParksMakeLifeBetter@lakeforestca.gov. For more information, call 461-3544. See you at the park!

Holiday Tree Recycling



Waste Management of Orange County (WMOC) will provide holiday tree recycling from December 27, 2010 through January 7, 2011. Simply leave your undecorated tree on the curb near your trash cans on your regular trash pick-up day. If your tree is taller than six feet, please cut the tree in half. Flocked trees will be collected but can not be recycled. For more information, visit Waste Management at www.wmorangecounty.com.

Fair Housing Opportunity is the Law



The City of Lake Forest is committed to furthering fair housing practices in the community. If you or someone you know has a fair housing question or issue that needs to be addressed, please call the City's Housing Manager at 461-3471. The City cooperates with the Fair Housing Council of Orange County to eliminate discriminatory practices countywide. An impediment to fair housing opportunity is any policy or practice that denies or adversely affects the provision of housing to a person in any protected class.

Looking for a Pet? Visit Lake Forest Pet of the Week!

Visit the City's website to meet the Lake Forest "Pet of the Week!" The "Pet of the Week" is a joint effort between the City and OC Animal Care to find a forever home for adoptable Lake Forest animals. A new pet is featured each week, along with an update on the adoption status of the previous Pet of the Week.

Last year there were over 11,000 successful adoptions of dogs, cats and other animals from OC Animal Care. Visit www.ocpetinfo.com for more available animals that are in need of warm and loving homes. For more information, contact OC Animal Care at 249-5160 or visit them at ocgov.com.



www.lakeforestca.gov/pet_of_the_week

Recreation/Events Calendar

Winter 2010-11 (November, December, January)

NOVEMBER

Agua Chinon Hike in Limestone Canyon **6**

9 am-12 pm
Pre-registration is required.
Portola Staging Area.
Fee: \$5 (includes snack and bottled water)



Senior Resource Fair & Free Flu Vaccinations **10**

10 am-12:30 pm
Lake Forest Community Center
(25550 Commercentre Dr)
Fee: Free

Family Pet Day Extravaganza **13**

11 am-3 pm
Pittsford Park
(21701 Pittsford Dr)
Fee: Free
Nominal fee for some activities and vendors



2010 Fall Classic Skate/BMX Contest Series BMX Contest **14**

9 am-4 pm
Etnies Skatepark
(20028 Lake Forest Dr)
Fee: \$30 at entry (includes contest t-shirt)

Band Nights at the Skatepark **19**

6 pm-10 pm
Etnies Skatepark
(20028 Lake Forest Dr)
Fee: \$5 entry per person



2010 Fall Classic Skate/BMX Contest Series Skate Street Contest **27**

10 am-6 pm
Etnies Skatepark
(20028 Lake Forest Dr)
Fee: \$30 at entry (includes contest t-shirt)

DECEMBER

29th Annual Victorian Christmas **4**

11 am-3 pm
Heritage Hill Historical Park
(25151 Serrano Rd)
Fee: \$4 adults/
\$3 children (ages 3-12) at door



North Pole Calling **6-8**

6:30 pm- 8:30 pm
City of Lake Forest
(25550 Commercentre Dr)
* Fee: Free to Lake Forest residents
* Registration form required for participation
* Deadline date: Thursday, December 2



Breakfast With Santa **11**

* 8 am-10 am (Session 1)
* 10:30 am-12:30 pm (Session 2)
* Lake Forest Community Center
(25550 Commercentre Dr)
* Fee: \$6 per person (children ages 3 and older must be registered)
* Participants must pre-register for this event; day of event registration will not be accepted

25th Annual Candlelight Tour **11-12**

5:30 pm-8:30 pm
Heritage Hill Historical Park
(25151 Serrano Rd)
Fee: \$4 adults/\$3 children (ages 3-12) at the door



DECEMBER

Seventh Anniversary Skatepark Party **13**

5 pm-6 pm
Etnies Skatepark
(20028 Lake Forest Dr)
Fee: Free to attend



Band Nights at the Skatepark **17**

6 pm-10 pm
Etnies Skatepark
(20028 Lake Forest Dr)
Fee: \$5 per person



New Holiday Hoopla **20-22**

Full-Day Winter Break Camp

8 am-6 pm
Lake Forest Community Center
(25550 Commercentre Dr)
Fee: \$77 per child
Pre-registration is required for this program



JANUARY

Band Nights at the Skatepark **14**

6 pm-10 pm
Etnies Skatepark
(20028 Lake Forest Dr)
Fee: \$5 per person



Register for Winter classes and programs beginning Tuesday, November 16!

For more info call Community Services at 461-3450.





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Important City Telephone Numbers



OC Animal Care 249-5160
Building Division 461-3470
Building Inspection 461-3468
City Clerk 461-3420
City Council 461-3420
City Manager's Office . . . 461-3410
Code Enforcement 461-3474
Community
Policing Center 461-3530
Etnies Skatepark 916-5870
Graffiti Hotline 461-3583
Planning 461-3491
Public Works 461-3480
Recreation 461-3450
Redevelopment 461-3567

IMPORTANT CITY WEBSITES

City
www.lakeforestca.gov
Economic Development
www.lakeforestbusiness.com
Lake Forest Redevelopment Agency
www.thearbor.info
Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest
www.etniesskateparkoflakeforest.com



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www.lakeforestca.gov

"EXPAND THE FOREST"

The Expand the Forest program allows members of the community to dedicate trees in memory of departed loved ones or to commemorate special occasions while encouraging the expansion of our urban forest. Trees are \$70 and are planted and maintained by the City. There are eight different species of approved trees which may be planted in almost any public property location, including City parks and green belts.



For more information, please call the Public Works Department at 461-3480.

SPONSORS	TREE SPECIES	LOCATION	DEDICATION
Janice Harte	California Sycamore	Borrego Park	In Memory of My Aunt Arlene and Uncle Jack Frank
Boy Scout Troop 808	Magnolia Tree	Tamarisk Park	To Mike's Mom
Your Friends of Foothill Ranch	California Sycamore	Foothill Ranch Community Park	In Loving Memory of Sanai Johnson
Dick and Pat Fenton	Magnolia Tree	Tamarisk Park	In Loving Memory of Marilyn Chilton, Out Friend and Neighbor
Martin & Patti Westerman, Brett & Donica McWhorter & Sons	Magnolia Tree	Tamarisk Park	To Celebrate the Life of Marilyn Chilton, Our Friend and Neighbor
Eddie Lefever & Blu	Magnolia Tree	Tamarisk Park	Marilyn Chilton, Loving Friend and Best Cook Ever
Their Daughters	Magnolia Tree	Tamarisk Park	Ruth B., Alerta, Margaret, Thora, Ruth P.
Lake Forest Girls Scouts	California Sycamore	Foothill Ranch Community Park	In Memory of Jerry Buckey
Friends at Afab Precision Machining	California Sycamore	Foothill Ranch Community Park	In Loving Memory of Roy Beckham
George and Sharon Rawson	California Sycamore	Tamarisk Park	Rhesa Rawson Ferrigno
Girl Scout Troop 1763	California Sycamore	Borrego Park	To the Beautification of Lake Forest